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KUWAITI PAPER URGES IRANIAN RELEASE OF U.S. HOSTAGES

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(TEXT) KUSAIT, 27 APRIL--KUWAIT'S AR-RAY AL-'AMM TODAY CALLED ON IRANIAN AUTHORITIES TO TAKE THE INITIATIVE AND RELEASE THE AMERICAN HOSTAGES.

IT SAYS: "IRAN WOULD THUS BE ACTING FROM A POSITION OF STRENGTH WHICH IT HAS ACQUIRED AS A RESULT OF THE FAILURE OF THE AMERICAN OPERATION AND WOULD ALSO BE SAVING THE AREA FROM RISKS OF WAR AND REPERCUSSIONS."

THE PAPER ADDS THAT THE WORLD HAS NOW COME TO REALIZE THAT "IRAN HAS PASSED THE TEST OF RESISTING AMERICAN PRESSURE, INCLUDING AMERICAN MILITARY FORCE" AND THUS IRAN CAN RELEASE THE HOSTAGES WITHOUT APPEARING TO HAVE "SUCCUMBED TO THREAT AND BLACKMAIL."

THE PAPER SAYS THAT "IF TEHRAN CAN SUCCEED IN WRESTING SUCH A REWARD FOR ITS INITIATIVE, IT CAN BE SAID THAT BY ITS ACT OF PIRACY THE UNITED STATES HAS GIVEN THE USSR ITS REWARD, TOO, BY OVERSHADOWING SOVIET MILITARY INTERVENTION IN AFGHANISTAN AND BY MAKING THE WORLD, WITH THE EXCEPTION OF BRITAIN, FORGET SOVIET INTERVENTION AND REALIZE THAT THE AMERICANS ARE ALSO PIRATES WHO TREAD ON THE WILLS OF PEOPLES."

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(JERUSALEM) -- ISRAELI RADIO REPORTS THE U-S FORCE ATTEMPTING A RESCUE MISSION OF THE AMERICAN HOSTAGES IN IRAN LAUNCHED THE MISSION FROM EGYPT.

THE REPORT SAYS AMERICAN AIRCRAFT LEFT AN AIRPORT IN WEST CAIRO AND STOPPED OVER IN THE PERSIAN GULF STATE OF BAHRAIN.

THE RADIO DID NOT SPECIFY ITS SOURCES OF INFORMATION, BUT DID CITE AN ISRAELI RADIO REPORTER WHO MONITORS FOREIGN RADIO BROADCASTS AND GROUND CONTROL CONVERSATIONS AT MIDEAST AIRPORTS.

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